

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action. Claims 1-37 and 39 are pending in the Application. The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, 14-37, and 39. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 11, 19-37, and 39, and amended Claims 2-4, 6-10, and 12-18. Furthermore, Claim 2 has been amended to address an informality in the claim, as discussed in the Response to Office Action mailed November 8, 2006.

Allowable Claims

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 2, 5, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Based on this indication, Applicants have rewritten Claims 2 and 13 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

For at least this reason, Independent Claims 2 and 13 are allowable, as are Claims 3-10, 12, and 14-18 that depend therefrom. Favorable action is requested.

Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to Claims 11 and 13, suggesting that the word "operable" be removed from the claims. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants have removed the word "operable" from Claims 11, 13, and 16. Favorable action is requested.

Claim Rejections

The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, 14-37, and 39 for various reasons. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 11, 19-37, and 39, and amended Claims 2-4, 6-10, and 12-18, as suggested by the Examiner, rendering these rejections moot. Favorable action is requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214-953-6447.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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